

Appl. No. 10/695,107
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8 and 9 remain in this application.

No new subject matter has been added to the application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,881,477 to Watson.

Claim 1 has been amended:

The handles (11) are further described as "separately-appendant", i.e., each handle is configured as a separate appendage, to patentably distinguish the handles' structural features from the contiguous lip (20) structure in Watson. In the Applicant Initiated Interview held on 08/21/2008, the Examiner and applicant agreed that the handles (11) be further described as "separately-appendant, auriculate". After an additional telephone discussion with the Examiner on 08/25/2008, agreement was reached to omit "auriculate" from the description, with further agreement that "separately-appendant" provides sufficient language to patentably distinguish the handles' structural features from the contiguous lip (20) structure in Watson.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson in view of U.S. Patent 6,178,666 to Kiniry. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendment of independent claim 1, claims 8 and 9 dependent thereon.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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